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RECORDING MEDIUM, AND INFORMATION  
RECORDING APPARATUS USING THE SAME

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified  
application as follows.